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One Halfpenny.

MME. CALVE ILL.



The great prima donna has been taken suddenly ill, at Vienna, with appendicitis. — (London Stereoscopic.)

HOTEL SUICIDE.



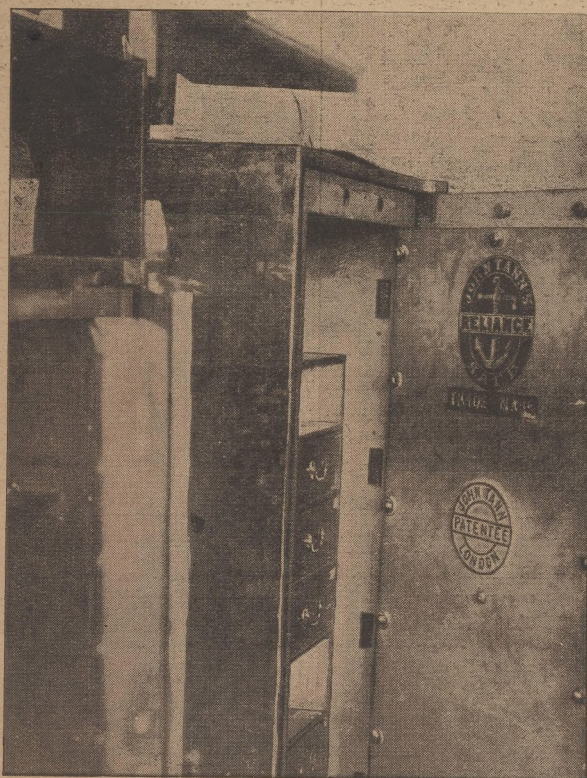
Mr. Elverton R. Chapman, the rich American, who met such a tragic death. Taken at the age of seven.

"THE TAMING OF THE SHREW."



Mr. Oscar Asche has scored a great success at the Adelphi Theatre in the part of Petruchio. — (Johanson and Hoffmann.)

APOLOGY.



In Tuesday's issue we erroneously stated that in the burglary of Messrs. Stockall's premises the safe shown above was broken open. This is untrue, for, in fact, the burglars opened the safe with the keys which they took out of Colonel Stockall's pocket. Our original statement, appearing as it did under the above illustration, would naturally reflect upon Mr. John Tann, the well-known safe-maker, as it would imply that his safes were capable of being broken open. This was not our intention, and we apologise to Mr. Tann for so wording the paragraph in question that such a conclusion was possible.

COLLEGE BOYS ENJOY THE SNOW.



The boys of Malvern College thoroughly appreciated the late cold weather, and note the rise of the thermometer with undisguised dismay. — (Whitlock.)

BIRTHS.

W., the wife of John F. R. Broadbent, M.D., of a son.
 IWI.—On November 26, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sutherland-avenue, W., the wife of Joseph W. of a son.
 KEY.—On November 27, at Larkholm, Rugeley, the wife of George Key, of a daughter.
 LIVINGSTONE-LEARMOUTH.—On the 28th ult., the wife of S. R. Livingstone-Learnmonth, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MOORE-STRANGE.—On November 26, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bangalore, by the Rev. Father Tabard, Pierce Langishe Moore, Indian Civil Service, second son of the Hon. Mr. Justice Moore, High Court, Madras, to Muriel, youngest daughter of the late Lumisden Strange, of

PARKER-BAKER.—On October 27, at Nottingham-road, Natal, by the Rev. H. L. Foster, M.B., Vicar of Escombe, Elizabeth Scott, M.B., only son of John James Parker. Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh, of The Orchard, Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, to Hellen Campbell, eldest daughter of Leonard Baker, Esq., Striding, N.B.

DEATHS.

BARCHARD.—On November 28, at Horsted-place, Uckfield, Francis Barchard, eldest son of the late Francis Barchard, aged 38. R.I.P. No flowers, by request.

COLLIER.—On November 28, at Hampton, Mary Anne Collier, at 84, of 145, Harley-street, W., the widow of the late Dr. G. F. Collier, of Spring-gardens and Chiswick.

GROUT.—On November 28, at 45, Wheatstone-road, South-
sea, Abraham Grout, in his 74th year. R.I.P.

NO SAINT.—Arrangement O.K. Send wire and I will come.
—A. F.
MIVVY.—Don't be stupid. You know you can either write or come. At least send me your address.—LILLIAN.
BRIGHTON.—L. offered another pupil, and will probably be extra busy for next three weeks. I half regret.

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HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE. MR. TREE.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.20 punctually.
Shakespeare's Comedy,
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Under the Management of Mr. Tom B. Davis.

TUESDAY NEXT, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m.
Mr. **NORMAN FORBES** will give one **SPECIAL MATINEE**
of **THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.**

Miss **ELLEN TERRY** has kindly consented to play **PORTIA**.
Mr. **NORMAN FORBES** will play **SHYLOCK**.

Seats can now be booked at theatre and libraries.

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Sole Lessee and Manager.
TO-NIGHT AND EVERY EVENING, at 9.
LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN.

By Oscar Wilde,
AT 8.15 THE NEW THEATRE, with Joshua Bates.
MATINEE (both plays) WEEDS, and SATS., at 2.15.

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KENNINGTON THEATRE, Tel. 1006 Hop-
NIGHTLY, at 7.45. SAT. TO-DAY, 2.30. Mr.
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Next week, the original DUCHESS OF DANTZOG company.
Including Mrs. Marie Greene, Mr. Holbrook Blinn, and Mr.
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NIGHTLY, at 8. MAT. SAT. 2.30. Mr. LANGTRY,
supported by Miss PAUL ARTHUR in MRS. DEWING'S
DIVORCE. Next week, Mr. H. B. IRVING and Miss
IRENE VANBRUGH in LETTY.

CAMDEN THEATRE. Tel. 328 K.C.—
NIGHTLY at 8. MAT. SAT. 2.30. MISS ELLIEN
TERRY in **THE BURNING OF VENICE** and **THE
ABOUT NOTHING** and **THE GOOD HOPE**. Next week,
Mr. J. M. KENDAL in **Kopertore**.

CROWLEY THEATRE. Tel. 412 HOP.—
NIGHTLY, at 7.45. Mr. J. F. Preston's Company in
ROGUES OF THE TURF. Next week, JULIA NELSON
and FRED TERRY in their latest success, **THEY**.

THE OXFORD.—GEORGE ROBEY, HARRY
HARRIS and HARRY HARRIS in **THE DUEL**.
DAILY, MISS LEOOMBS and CO., Havana Boys. "V.C."
Sketch Co., Ernest Shand, Dan Crawley, Rogers Family, The
Pain and the Pleasure, The Merry Men, The Merry Men.
7.30. Box Office open 11 to 5. SATURDAY MATINEES
at 2.30.—Manager, Mr. ALBERT GILMER.

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CRYSTAL PALACE. TO-DAY.
Roller Skating on the ICE. SEATING FREE.

ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS, "HENGLE'S,"
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Over 200 Acting and Performing Animals.
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West's grand Naval and Military Animatograph
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The North Sea Fishing Fleet—before and after the
Tragedy. Prices 1s., 2s., 3s., 4s., 5s. Children half-price

RAILWAYS, EXCURSIONS, Etc.

RESTALL'S HALF-DAY EXPRESS TRIPS
(Pioneers of Afternoon Trips London to Seaside).
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5.
FOOTBALL TRIP TO SOUTHAMPTON (WEST), 3s.
(Brentford v. Southampton); Bournemouth, 3s. 6d. From
Waterloo 11.25 a.m., calling Clap. June, only; returning

Bournemouth 7.50 p.m., Southampton (West) 8.45.
TO-DAY (THURSDAY).
BRIGHTON, 3s. From London Bridge 12.45 p.m.
New Cross 12.55, E. Croydon 1.10.
6d. extra all tickets date of trips. No London agents or
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OUR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

How It Will Be Celebrated To-day.

PARTY AT SANDRINGHAM.

Her Majesty Entertains the Village Children.

Queen Alexandra is celebrating her birthday quietly at Sandringham to-day.

In this most retired of the royal residences, away in a remote Norfolk village, it is the Queen's custom to take at this season of the year a few weeks' rest from the stress and tension of her hard public work.

There, far from the whirl and worry of the world, she contentedly lives a peaceful family life, and her birthday she spends in the simple fashion that particularly delights her.

Ever thoughtful of the little ones, the Queen will again, as she has for some years past, entertain all the school children on the estate to tea, and they will have a special half-holiday for the occasion.

In the letters, telegrams, and presents which come to her from relatives and friends near and far she has a happy personal interest.

It is by this note in her character that the highest lady in the land has endeared herself to the heart of the nation. By her care for the sick and distressed, and her kindly thought for the children, she has become universally loved and admired by all her grateful subjects.

THE KING AT SANDRINGHAM.

The weather during the last few days has been particularly fine, and the King, who has been at his Norfolk home since Monday, has enjoyed some good shooting.

The birthday house-party includes Mr. A. J. Balfour, who was unable to be present on his Majesty's birthday owing to the weakness in his leg, which forced him to lay up for some time.

December 1 has been a notable day in Queen Alexandra's life.

On her seventeenth birthday she met King Edward for the first time in the cathedral at Spire.

A year later she made the acquaintance of Queen Victoria during a private visit to Osborne and Windsor. And her eighteenth birthday gift was an engagement ring, set with a ruby, an emerald, a ruby, a turquoise, a jacinth, and a second emerald—the initials of the six gems spelling the donor's familiar home name of "Bertie."

A DAY OF SORROW.

In 1871 the birthday day at Sandringham was full of the deepest anxiety. The Prince of Wales, as the King then was, lay sick unto death, nursed by his wife, and his sister, Princess Alice.

When he regained consciousness on December 1 he murmured, "This is the Princess's birthday." His first thought was for his dear wife, and the sadness of her birthday was softened by this betrayal of affection.

In the early days of her married life the Queen kept her birthday with great and gay festivities at her Norfolk palace. A great dance was given, and all the neighbourhood invited. There was no sitting out and no shirking—a regular tenants' ball.

But ever since the death of her beloved eldest child, though the poor and needy are not forgotten, her Majesty prefers to spend her birthday quietly with just her grandchildren and a few personal friends.

CELEBRATIONS IN LONDON.

In London her Majesty's birthday will be celebrated in the usual manner. At noon Y Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery will fire a royal salute of forty-one guns in St. James's Park, and a royal salute will also be fired at the Tower.

The Lord Mayor, according to custom, will forward a telegram of congratulation wishing her Majesty many happy returns of the day, and in the evening the public buildings and many of the West End clubs will be illuminated.

ROYAL MOVEMENTS.

The King, who is to arrive at Buckingham Palace from Sandringham on Monday at five for luncheon, will only stay in town until Tuesday afternoon, when his Majesty is to return to Norfolk, and he will be the guest of Lord and Lady Farnham at the Hall, Castle Rising, near Lynn, for a few days before going back to Sandringham, where he will, with her Majesty, remain until the 12th.

On January 9 next his Majesty will visit Crichel, the Dorsetshire residence of Lord and Lady Alington, where he will remain for a week.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will pay a visit to Dorsetshire this month, when they are to be the guests of the Earl and Countess of Ilchester at Melbury Park, near Yeovil, and at Abbotsbury Castle, near Weymouth.

Westerly and south-westerly winds; dull, misty, mild; rain at times. To-Day's Weather (Lighting-up time, 4.52 p.m. Sea passage: South and east, moderate; west, rough.

LONDON & PARIS EXCHANGE.

Large City Firm Finds Itself in Difficulties.

PAYMENTS SUSPENDED.

In the *Daily Mirror* yesterday morning there was mention in the Stock Exchange article of a prominent firm of outside stockbrokers being in difficulties. This had reference to the London and Paris Exchange, whose advertisements and circulars have become familiar to the public during the last few years.

Yesterday the rumours took more concrete form. At about one o'clock the doors of the firm were closed. At about this time, too, a meeting of leading people financially interested was held, and it was stated that this meeting lasted about two hours and a half. At the end of it no statement was forthcoming as to the conclusions arrived at.

A statement will be officially issued by the directors of the London and Paris Exchange at nine o'clock this morning.

The sum of £20,000 is mentioned as the amount owing on the Stock Exchange, and £150,000 to outside brokers.

"The liabilities of the concern are much over-stated," said one of the officials to the *Daily Mirror* last night. "A few thousands would have saved the suspension."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The following notice was posted at the company's offices last night:—"It is with great regret that the London and Paris Exchange, Limited, find that it is impossible to meet their total liabilities to-day, and they have therefore been advised to make no further payments until their affairs have been fully investigated and the wishes of all creditors and claimants have been ascertained. All creditors and customers will be communicated with within the shortest possible time.—Dated, November 30, 1904."

The business of the firm was extensive. There are a number of depositors both in London and the country.

At the headquarters in Moorgate-street some 250 clerks are employed, while in every important provincial city branch offices are conducted, among these being Glasgow, Manchester, Bristol, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Oxford, Liverpool, Birmingham, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Brighton, and Dublin.

The firm has also representatives in Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam, Brussels, New York, Toronto, Johannesburg, and Salisbury (Rhodesia).

The firm, it must be noted in passing, has nothing to do with the London Stock Exchange, and is in no way under its control. Its business, it is said, has grown largely during recent years as a result of the pushful advertising methods.

In addition to Stock Exchange work it undertook mining finance business, and was concerned with auctions and with insurance matters.

It was organised and conducted by two brothers, the Messrs. Mandeville, one at least of whom was in business as an outside broker for some time previously to the inception of what was called the London and Paris Exchange, some five or six years ago.

GENEROUS BENEFACTOR

Comes Forward to the Relief of Penny Bank Victims.

The sufferers from the Needham Penny Bank failure are to be relieved by a magnificently generous action on the part of Mr. Edward Speyer, of London and New York.

This gentleman has handed Mr. Walker, the chairman of the local relief fund committee, a cheque for £4,000 on account, and has expressed his intention to settle the rest of the liabilities, with the exception of those covered by the £2,600 already subscribed to the relief fund.

Making this announcement to a meeting in Needham Town Hall yesterday—Mr. Walker said:—

"Mr. Speyer has arranged that the accounts of all up to £50 shall be opened with the Post Office Savings Bank, and those above this amount with Messrs. Barclay and Company's Bank."

"He trusts that his action will not only reassure those threatened with serious loss, but will encourage them to continue to practise the habit of thrift."

Mr. Speyer is a member of the firm of Speyer Brothers, Lothbury, and a director of the Underground Electric Railways Company of London.

HER MAJESTY'S SYMPATHY.

Her Majesty the Queen has taken a deep interest in the Needham Market sufferers, as the following letter, published last night, shows:—

The Queen's idea is to find out privately the individual cases and absolute need, and to relieve each case separately as far as £100 will go. The question now arises how can we discover these sad cases. I fear it would be giving you too much trouble to do so. Is there any special committee for this purpose, or would it be a good plan to apply to the head of the local police? Would you kindly enlighten me on this subject?—Yours faithfully, CHARLOTTE KNOLLYS.

GUNPOWDER PLOT.

Curious Outrage in a Glasgow Church.

POLICE PROTECTION SOUGHT.

A great sensation was created in Glasgow yesterday evening when it became known that two dastardly attempts were made to blow up Springfield parish church, because, it is supposed, of the attitude of the Rev. Mr. Dickie in securing the removal of a Roman Catholic altar, which had replaced the Protestant pulpit in Barnhill poor-house.

On a recent Sunday a quantity of gunpowder was placed in the building, and the gas was turned on.

Lighted paper was then thrust beneath the door, apparently with the object of causing a double explosion.

Something like a reign of terror prevails in the vicinity of the church, which is being guarded, and at the manse of the minister, who has sought and received the protection of the police. A couple of constables in plain clothes accompany him wherever he goes.

Another Springfield minister has also been threatened, and has sought the protection of the police. Mr. Dickie, it may be added, appeared at the monthly meeting of the Established Presbytery yesterday, along with the two constables, and gave in a report in connection with the Barnhill poor-house altar, stating that the parish council had promised to put the matter right by replacing the Protestant pulpit in its position and reserving a place for the altar at the side.

SUNK BY TORPEDO.

Whaler Struck by a Dummy Projectile.

At Devonport yesterday afternoon an extraordinary accident occurred.

During torpedo practice a whaler from H.M.S. Dreadnought, containing five men, was in the river for the purpose of picking up the dummy torpedoes after they had been spent. The tide was very strong at the time, and carried the boat broadside on to a running torpedo, which passed through the bows of the whaler, coming out at the other side.

Fortunately the men were rescued without injury.

GUN-RUNNERS.

British Owners Reap Large Profits from the War.

Apart from the coal-carrying trade, British tramp steamers are reaping a rich harvest out of the Russo-Japanese war, as they are carrying guns, ammunition, and war stores for both belligerents with great impartiality.

One captain has just returned to London after making two successful gun-running trips to Port Arthur, and has made enough money to buy a freehold house in West London, besides putting a good sum into the bank. He intends to make one more trip, and then settle down ashore for the rest of his life.

The owners of the tramp steamers get high rates for their freight, and the captain and officers receive substantial bonuses when they land their cargoes.

The thousands of uniforms and blankets for the Japanese soldiers which are now being made at Batley and Dewsbury will all be taken out by British steamers.

Gun-running steamers clear for Guam, Manila, or some other port in the East, and then clear again for their final destination.

THE DRAMA OR THE ACTOR?

What appears to be a pretty quarrel has arisen between one of our leading actors and a no less prominent dramatist.

Referring to Mr. Henry Arthur Jones's criticism of present-day acting, Mr. Tree said to his students on Monday:—

"Mr. Jones finds fault with the actors. I hope he will soon be more fortunate with his actors." Mr. Jones has promptly written to Mr. Tree asking him to quote any complaint made by himself of any actor or actress who has played in any piece of his.

Mr. Tree's retort will be interesting.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the great demand for advertisement space in the "Daily Mirror," we regret we are compelled to hold over several advertisements from to-day's issue. This will appear as soon as possible.

SIEGE GUNS ON THE HILL.

Japanese Sweeping Port Arthur with Shell.

ALL IS BURNING.

Ample confirmation has been received of the report crediting the Japanese with an important success at Port Arthur.

Already they have dragged heavy siege guns to the top of the captured position on 203 Metre Hill, and are sweeping the harbour, to the infinite confusion of the warships there.

According to a Rome message, the defenders have made full arrangements for a retirement to Liaotshan and the Tiger's Tail as soon as the Sungchuan fort falls.

Only combatants will be admitted to this last foothold, and the rest of the population will throw themselves upon the mercy of the Japanese.

Port Arthur, the message adds, is like an immense furnace. All is burning.

NOGI REINFORCED.

Only 150,000 Japanese Remain in Manchuria.

PARIS, Wednesday.—The "Petit Parisien" publishes the following from its St. Petersburg correspondent:—

"I learn on good authority that the Japanese have taken up their position on 203 Metre Hill, from which they are able to sweep Port Arthur with their fire.

"The Japanese are said to have only 150,000 men on the Sha-ho. They have sent strong reinforcements to General Nogi, so as to finish with Port Arthur."—Reuter.

MIKADO'S SPEECH.

Loyalty and Bravery of the Imperial Forces.

TOKIO, Wednesday.—The Emperor to-day formally opened the second war session of the Japanese Diet, and read the following address:—

"We hereby perform the ceremony of the opening of the Imperial Diet. We announce to the members of the House of Peers and the House of Representatives that, to our profound delight, our relations with all neutral Powers are increasingly amicable, that we have directed our Minister of State to submit to you a scheme for meeting the extraordinary expenditure necessitated by the war together with the Budget for the thirty-eighth fiscal year of 'Meiji,' besides other projects of law; that our expeditionary forces have been victorious in every battle, and have repeatedly shown fresh proofs of their loyalty and bravery, so that the progress of the war has been increasingly to our advantage; and that we expect, by the loyal devotion of our subjects, to attain our ultimate object, and we call upon you to discharge your duties by harmonious cooperation, thereby promoting our wishes and ends."

NORTH SEA INQUIRY.

Appointment of a Scientific American Officer.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—President Roosevelt has announced that Rear-Admiral Charles H. Davis, of the United States Navy, will be offered the appointment of United States Commissioner on the Dogger Bank Court of Inquiry.—Reuter.

Rear-Admiral Charles Henry Davis was born in 1846 and received his first commission in the United States Navy in 1864.

He is pre-eminently a scientific officer, having been connected with the various expeditions for the determination of the difference of longitude by means of submarine telegraph cables.

He commanded the auxiliary cruiser Dixie in the Spanish-American war, his last command being reaching flag rank being the battleship Alabama.

THAMES STEAMER BECOMES WARSHIP.

Our St. Petersburg correspondent learns that the steam yacht Caroline, built by Messrs. Yarrow, and surreptitiously navigated to Russia, is now being fitted out for war purposes in the harbour at Libau.

Two little children in their night attire were brought out of a house next to a burning warehouse in Watling-street last night, and were sent by Colonel Fox to his quarters at the Salvage Corps station.

LAWYERS' HARVEST.

Enormous Cost of the
Hooley Trial.

£15,000 SPENT IN 12 DAYS.

The eighth day of the famous Hooley-Lawson trial for fraud and conspiracy has been reached, but in the highest legal circles the end is not expected before Wednesday next at the earliest.

Thus twelve "legal" days have been spent in mastering the intricacies of one of the most complicated problems in the history of criminal trials.

The legal expenses of the proceedings represent a handsome fortune. Mr. Hooley's counsel, Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., the great commercial lawyer, whose brilliant cross-examination of Mr. Paine, the complainant, is generally regarded as one of the greatest forensic displays of recent years, is, it is generally understood, receiving a retainer of 500 guineas, with a refresher of 100 guineas a day.

Upon this basis, said a well-known barrister of the Middle Temple, yesterday, Mr. Horace Avory, his lieutenant, would be briefed for 350 guineas, with 75 guineas refresher, Mr. Chalmers, the junior, receiving 200 guineas and 50 guineas a day.

But these figures leave out of account altogether the solicitors' fees, and inasmuch as the length of the trial was certain from the first to be protracted, the bill of costs probably agreed upon would run into thousands.

Great Expenses.

The barristers' clerks' fees would also represent a large sum, to say nothing of the costs of witnesses and the thousand and one expenses incidental to the conduct of a great case.

The defence alone will cost £6,000, while the costs of the prosecuting counsel are unusually heavy.

Though Sir Edward Carson's brief would not be so heavily taxed as Mr. Isaacs'—for the Solicitor-General, of course, is a paid official under the Crown—he would receive a retainer of at least 200 guineas, with a refresher of 100 guineas a day. Mr. H. Sutton, who would do the "devilving," would get 100 guineas and a fee of 75 guineas a day.

Mr. R. D. Muir would be briefed at 75 guineas, with a refresher of 50 guineas. Mr. Arthur Gill getting 50 guineas, with 35 guineas a day. Estimating the length of the trial at twelve days, the costs of the prosecution would total up to £24,120.

Probably when the expenditure involved is finally reckoned up, it will be found to be nearer £15,000 than £10,000.

Mike Mr. Hooley, Mr. Lawson is, fortunately for his pocket, defending himself.

Lawson's Strong Protest.

While Lawson was engaged during yesterday's proceedings in cross-examining Mr. James Likeman, a director of the Construction Company, Mr. Justice A. T. Lawrence interposed a remark that it was no use asking the witness a great deal about matters that he knew nothing of.

"I may be sanguine, my lord," he replied, "but it seems to me that it is really absurd to charge against me that this private syndicate of mine is a paper company—a fraud—and I thought and hoped that before we had gone so very long the prosecution themselves would see that this was not the case. I may be rightly or wrongly informed," he continued, "but I believe the real state of affairs is that Mr. Paine (chief witness for the prosecution) has led the Treasury to believe a lie."

Mr. Likeman, in the course of his evidence, supported Lawson's statement that a tragedy did away with the company's prospect of paying a good dividend. Mr. Nevilles, an American, who had undertaken to carry out the construction of the Blackpool Tramways, fell off his horse and was killed. They were unable to get other contractors to do the work so cheaply.

Sir Kenneth Mackenzie was being examined when the Court rose for the day.

PERILS OF FLANNELETTE.

Striking evidence of the dangers of flannelette was given at a Paddington inquest yesterday by a doctor in a case of death from flannelette. "I've had five of these cases at St. Mary's Hospital this week, and four of them were due to flannelette clothing," he said.

Boiling Clothes

The book inside the Fels-Naptha wrapper tells how to wash without fire, with half the usual rubbing and wear and shrinking of clothes, and cleaner.

Fels-Naptha 39 Wilson street London E C

LEFT TO DIE IN A WOOD.

Painful Scene at a Girl-Mother's Trial.

A handsome girl of eighteen, named Phoebe Rose Turner, whose blanched cheeks and tear-stained eyes were painful evidence of her anguish of mind, underwent the ordeal of trial for murder at the Kent Assizes yesterday.

A painful scene accentuated the sadness of the story told by the prosecution. While a witness was being examined the girl in the dock suddenly gave a little cry and fell forward in a swoon. It was some time before she recovered sufficiently for the trial to proceed.

The story of her crime is strongly reminiscent of that of Hetty, in "Adam Bede." It goes back to one evening in August when a dramatic scene was enacted in the heart of the forest known as Seal Chart, two miles from the village of Kensing, in Kent.

Making their way knee-deep through the bracken were two men, accompanied by a young girl of eighteen—Phoebe Turner. The girl led the way to a spot off the beaten track, where she pointed to what appeared to be a bundle of baby clothing.

Her two companions—they were police officers—lifted the bundle and discovered the dead body of a baby boy, six weeks of age. The unhappy girl-mother confessed that she had given birth to the child in London and had brought it to the forest, where she abandoned it. After that she went to her parents at a neighbouring village.

The trial resulted in the charge being altered to one of manslaughter. The jury found the girl guilty, and she was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

MURDERED KEEPER.

Three Scarborough Poachers Held Responsible for His Death.

At the conclusion of the coroner's inquiry yesterday into the death of the keeper Thomas Atkinson, who was killed in the desperate affray with poachers on the Ganton estate, near Scarborough, the jury returned a verdict of Wilful Murder against the three men in custody.

The prisoners are William Hovington, his son Charles, and Thomas Dobson. None of the witnesses were able to state definitely which of their assailants fired the fatal shot. Wellborn, the game-keeper who was left face to face with the poachers after all his companions had been injured, gave a graphic account of the affray, supporting by his story the facts which have already been made known.

The elder Hovington, when asked by the coroner if he wished to give evidence, replied, "Well, sir, we was not there." The other prisoners said they had nothing to say, and the jury returned the above verdict.

CLOTHED IN BANKNOTES.

Girl's Caravan Tour with a "Professor of Hypnotism."

Many rôles are said to have been assumed by George Hudson Reid, alias Tanner, Burns, and Hayslip, who was before the Westminster magistrate on remand, charged with offences against the bankruptcy laws.

When Reid was arrested he was living at South Norwood as a "professor of hypnotism." Hannah Cesar, who, as a girl of sixteen, was engaged in 1898 to assist at one of the prisoner's numerous hardware shops, gave evidence yesterday of his career.

She stated that in 1900 he told her he was going bankrupt, and opened banking accounts in her name. While he was on bail in March, 1901, after arrest on a charge of unlawful possession, he stitched £6,000 in banknotes into his clothes and went away.

Some weeks later she joined him, and for three months they toured through Cornwall with two caravans. In May, 1902, they went to Paris together, and Reid bought a motor-car for £500, which he subsequently sold, as it went wrong.

Another remand was ordered.

RECURRENCE OF HOOLIGANISM.

There has been a serious and alarming recurrence of hooligan outrages in London lately. A man named John Hagerty was admitted yesterday to the London Hospital suffering from injuries inflicted by men who had attacked and robbed him.

Late at night, as Hagerty was passing along Dorset-street, Spitalfields, two men seized him for assistance. Suddenly one of them seized Hagerty from behind, squeezing his throat ferociously, while the other took his watch, chain, and money.

The police have since arrested a man on suspicion.

"It is very rare for a testator to commit suicide," Dr. Wynn Westcott remarked at a Hackney inquest yesterday.

INNOCENT MAN'S AWARD.

One Thousand Pounds Paid for Malicious Prosecution.

Mr. Arthur Thomas Bradley, packing-case maker, obtained £850 damages in the King's Bench Division yesterday, against Harrod's Stores, for malicious prosecution. One of his employes, named Yapp, was awarded £150.

Mr. Bradley had been proved not guilty at the Central Criminal Court of the charge of conspiring with Yapp to obtain payment for a larger number of boxes than were delivered to the stores. Hence the action which came before Mr. Justice Grantham.

Mr. Burbridge, manager of Harrod's, said that he undertook the prosecution from a sense of duty, thinking Mr. Bradley guilty.

Counsel: You don't seem to have the faintest idea of what you charged Bradley with.

Mr. Justice Grantham, when he summed up, said that the only fact in support of the view of Harrod's that Bradley was acting dishonestly was that he tipped some of the store's employes.

"There is nothing criminal in a tip," added his lordship, "and a little palm oil has often been found to make the wheels of business run smoothly." (Loud laughter.)

The jury added a rider, drawing attention to the treatment Mr. Bradley received in Brixton Gaol. Although he was presumably innocent, his clothes were baked, his photograph taken, and he was subjected to other indignities.

GRIM RIVER TRAGEDY.

Thief and His Captor Go to Death Together.

In the early hours of yesterday morning a desperate duel, between a watchman and a thief, took place on the Tyne, at North Shields. It ended fatally to both combatants.

Some hours later their bodies were taken from the river. The dead men were still in grips, and their disfigured faces and torn clothing indicated the fierceness of their encounter.

The watchman, named Hugh McKie, was sixty years old, and the thief was Joseph Grant Roberts, a youth of notoriously bad reputation.

McKie, watching the vessel Mayflower as she lay moored at North Shields fish quay, discovered a man in the hold. The intruder attempted to escape, and the watchman grappled with him.

A deadly struggle ensued. Each man attempted to throw the other into the river, with the result that both fell overboard and were drowned.

£32,000 IN THE BALANCE.

Lady Turner May Take Her Case to House of Lords.

It is not certain that the Police Relief Fund will get the £32,000 which the Court of Appeal has decided cannot, under the terms of her father's will, go to Lady Turner.

Her father left her this fortune, with a proviso that if she married without the consent of her three trustees the money should go to the Police Relief Fund.

One of the trustees did object to her marriage with Major-General Sir Alfred Turner.

Lady Turner is now considering whether she will take the case to the House of Lords.

The loss of the money makes no difference to me personally, for I have enough without. But it may make some difference to Lady Turner if she survives me, as she should, being considerably younger than I am," said General Turner to the Daily Mirror yesterday.

ALL-CONQUERING MUSICAL COMEDY.

In a theatrical case at Westminster County Court yesterday an amusing dialogue took place.

Plaintiff's Solicitor: But Mr. George Edwardes's No. 1 companies of musical comedy play at Oldham.

Witness: Oh, yes. Musical comedy will take anywhere, but beautiful plays will not. Art is driven out of the market by musical comedy. (Laughter.)

Plaintiff's Solicitor: Your art! (Laughter.)

Witness: You may say that, if you like. You know nothing about my art.

"DOLLS" VISIT THE MAGISTRATE.

Ten little girls, in brightly-coloured winter cloaks, smiled a cheerful welcome to Mr. Denham when he took his seat at Marlborough-street Police Court yesterday. They wanted to be allowed to appear as dolls in the forthcoming "ballet divertissement" at the Empire Theatre.

The manager acted as their spokesman, and the magistrate acquiesced in the request.

LAW'S ANOMALIES.

"Perhaps you don't know," said the West Ham magistrate yesterday to a prisoner, "that it is worse to steal a dog's collar than the dog. In the eyes of the law stealing a dog is merely an unlawful act, while stealing the collar is felonious."

EATANSWILL AMENITIES.

Local Politicians and a Fish Story.

AMUSING LIBEL ACTION.

It is a long time since the High Court heard such a good fish story as that told yesterday before Mr. Justice Lawrence.

The story was technically a libel action about a letter that appeared in the "Ilford Recorder," but it was really all about eels—the eels of Ilford.

An orator of great local fame was the plaintiff—Mr. F. J. Philpot, who is a leading light in Ilford educational matters. He objects to what, so he complains, a fellow member of the Ilford School Board, Mr. R. Gilderson, said about him in the paper—"that he designed to do Mr. Gilderson violence, and that he got a Croydon friend of his into an educational appointment."

Mr. Philpot showed what an orator he is directly Mr. Wallace, K.C., on behalf of Mr. Gilderson, began to cross-examine him. "Why did Mr. Philpot tell the Ilford School Board that he would not stay among such a dirty lot?" counsel asked.

"A member told me that I was a beastly liar, and a lady member said that I ought to be struck dead," Mr. Philpot retorted.

Then the eels were introduced. Mr. Philpot was once at Brighton, and meeting an Ilford friend of his—he reported the incident in a letter—he said, in reply to his friend's invitation to go eel-fishing: "I cannot boast of being an eel angler, and I have not dealt with eels except at the School Board meetings."

"Yes, and they were very slippery," chimed in Mr. Philpot from the witness-box as Mr. Wallace read these words.

Snakes as a Hobby.

The letter continued: "My hobby has been connected with very similar reptiles—vipers and snakes. The only reptiles of the serpent kind in England are the snake, the blind worm, and the viper." Of these only the viper is venomous. I have presented a snake to the school's (of an Ilford school), and if the vice-chairman, when he visits the school, will inspect the snake he will see how close is the resemblance to eels." (Loud laughter.)

Turning from the question of eels, Mr. Wallace quoted some extracts of a fulminatory character from speeches delivered by Mr. Philpot in Ilford council chambers.

Mr. Philpot (regretfully): You do not read the best parts. (Laughter.)

Mr. Wallace: I am taking the choicest flowers of your rhetoric. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. McCall, K.C., on taking up the thread of cross-examination on behalf of the "Ilford Recorder," returned to the eel issue in rather a sudden manner.

"Did you make a speech in the Broadway of Ealing?" he asked. Of course, he meant the Broadway of Ilford.

Still sticking to eels, Mr. McCall asked whether it was alleged that the members of the Ilford School Board had been bribed to accept contracts with money of eels. (Great laughter.)

"With neither," retorted Mr. Philpot; "with spirits." (Uproarious laughter.)

Suspicious-Looking Jar.

He had seen a boy delivering whisky at Christmas to the houses of members of the Board, and he himself had received a gallon jar of whisky. He had given the sender a good blowing-up when he discovered his name. "I was afraid to touch it," he added. "You never know what things contain."

Mr. Philpot's fear of possible dynamite—Mr. McCall suggested dynamite—made the Court laugh so heartily and long that it was some time before business could be got on with.

With pride Mr. Philpot told how he had got up thirty testimonials for Ilford celebrities, and with regret how one of the recipient celebrities made him produce a list of the subscriptions.

The case was adjourned after Mr. Gilderson had denied imputing corrupt motives to Mr. Philpot.

"SLATERS" PAY 22 PER CENT.

At the tenth general meeting of Slaters, Limited, which was held yesterday, a dividend of twenty-two per cent. for the half year was declared, making the dividend for the year sixteen per cent., while £7,773 was carried forward.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Unemployed, because they lose no wages by attending, are not allowed fees at Hackney inquests.

The Rev. P. A. Derry, vicar of Norbiton, has been appointed rector and rural-dean of Gatheshead-on-Tyne.

The Duke of Connaught will be nominated Grand Master of the English Freemasons at December Grand Lodge.

BOYS INSTEAD OF MEN.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Islington Borough Council a scheme will be considered for keeping the streets clean by orderly-boys, instead of by men sweepers as at present.

It is estimated that the annual cost of the boys would be £498, as against £925 now paid for men.

LEGAL AMENITIES.

For their debate to-morrow night, at the Inner Temple Lecture Hall, the Hardwicke Society have a startling subject down for discussion.

The resolution runs:—That in the interests of the peace of the world and the harmony of international relations, Russia should no longer be regarded as a civilised Power.

CHURCH DIGNITARY CHOPS WOOD.

Canon Willink, vicar of Yarmouth, speaking at the annual meeting of the Boys' Home, described how he visited the institution and chopped wood with the boys, but he found that in bundling it they were much smarter than he.

In twelve months these boys have made a profit of over £121 on their firewood, and have thus helped to maintain themselves.

CHILDREN AT THEATRES.

It has been suggested by correspondents in the Liverpool papers that the existing law fixing the age under which children may not perform on the stage should be extended to cover the audience.

If it is a matter for legislation that children shall not be allowed on the stage of a theatre after nine o'clock, surely, it is urged, it is equally important they should not be in the auditorium until eleven.

METHODS OF "BARBERISM."

Many cities and towns are actively interested themselves in the regulations for hairdressers and shaving-shops, instituted by Dr. Collingridge in the City of London.

At Cardiff Dr. Walford has informed the health committee he is in communication with the Guild of Hairdressers, and is hopeful that the hairdressers will voluntarily take action in the matter of sanitary and hygienic precaution.

BISHOP'S USE FOR ACCOUNTS.

In his diocesan magazine the Bishop of Manchester urges that at this time of the year accounts of income and expenditure should be carefully studied.

The episcopal admonition, admirable as it is from a material point of view, is, however, directed with the object that each Churchman shall consider whether he cannot increase his contributions in support of the Church.

HARVARD IN SOUTHWARK.

Mr. Choate, the American Ambassador, is having a stained-glass window put in at St. Saviour's Collegiate Church, Southwark—the future cathedral of South London.

It will be a memorial to Harvard, the founder of the great university in the States, who was baptised in the church.

It is probable the students of Harvard will endow a chapel in the building.

UNION JACK CLUB.

The building of the Union Jack Club in Waterloo-road is to be commenced shortly after Christmas, and the amount of donations to its funds (promised and received) now reaches over £39,000.

Mr. Somerset Beaumont has promised a further contribution of £100 if the total reaches £40,000 by the end of the year.

More than another £20,000 will be required before the club can be completed and ready for use.

LONDON'S MINIATURE LUNGS.

In the "London Gazette" the County Council have given notice of the "London Squares and Enclosures (Preservation) Bill."

It has the intention to protect London's squares from the modern builder, and their future maintenance by the Council as open spaces.

There are 432 squares and enclosures affected by this comprehensive measure, which applies to the Administrative County of London.

SALE OF A VICTORIA CROSS.

At Messrs. Glendennings auction rooms yesterday a Victoria Cross, awarded to Lance-Corporal J. Dunley, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, at Scuder-Bagh in 1857, during the Mutiny, was sold for £50.

An interesting group of Peninsular decorations, including a gold medal for Salamanca and two gold clasps, a gold cross for four actions—Salamanca, Pyrenees, Nivelle, and Nive—and a military badge of the Companion of the Bath, all awarded to Lieutenant Gustavus Brown, realised £300.

Five hundred more young salmon have been placed in the Thames at Taplow.

Mr. Cassamanchi Namalingareddy, an Indian scholar, heads the poll of the Cambridge Union candidates.

Mr. Cremllyn Jones, a barrister, of Liverpool, will contest as the Unionist candidate the Anglesey division at the next election.

Mr. Henry Chaplin, M.P., will preside at the annual dinner in connection with the Christmas Fat Stock Show at Sleaford, on December 12.

COST OF RUNNING A THEATRE.

To a correspondent who has asserted to him in a letter that the closing of the Richmond Theatre will entail no pecuniary loss to the town, Mr. George Dance, the owner, has replied that during the forty weeks that the theatre remains open in every year the outlay includes:—

Wages list at £85 per week	£3,400
Printing, postage, and advertising	800
Lighting	450
Board and lodging for performers	1,600
Cab fares for public and performers	180
Repairs by local tradesmen	240
Local rates and taxes	240
Total for the year	£6,920

CANON'S RIGHT ARM.

The Rev. Canon Gray, rector of West Retford, Notts, has somewhat a habit of breaking his right arm.

While cycling at York in the summer of this year he fell off his bicycle and broke his right arm. He then went to stay at Buxton, Derbyshire, for the benefit of his health, and there he had the misfortune to slip over the carpet, and broke the same arm in another place.

This week he was attempting to sit down in a chair in his house at West Retford, when he missed his seat and broke the same arm between the other two fractures.

DANCERS AND STRONG DRINKS.

The Islington Borough Council have refused to sanction at the Caledonian Road Baths occasional licences for excisable liquors.

A frequent hirer for dances has refused to engage the hall unless permitted to obtain the licence, as fifteen years' experience has convinced him that persons who dance "will have something more substantial than lemonade."

He objected also to people having to go outside to obtain intoxicating liquors, this being calculated to lower the tone of the gatherings.

GAS DANGER IN FROST.

That severe frost is a standing danger to insecurely laid gas pipes is shown by a remarkable incident at Longton, Staffordshire.

Frost there gained such a hold on the ground that the pipes were fractured, and the gas travelling underground beneath three houses filled them with overpowering fumes.

Eight people were overcome, two being unconscious when discovered by the police, but all have recovered. Fortunately there was no light in either house, and no explosion occurred.

HOSPITAL NURSES' HOME.

One hundred and eighty-five bedrooms for nurses have been provided in the new wing of St. Thomas's Hospital, now practically completed.

There are also numerous common rooms and every up-to-date provision for the attendants' comforts, the whole having cost over £75,000.

WESTMINSTER'S MUTTON DAY.

In future the inmates of the Westminster Workhouse over the age of sixty are to enjoy important modifications in their dietary.

Every Wednesday they are to be served with a mutton dinner.

Up to yesterday there had been over 50,000 applications for the 3,500 tickets for Mr. Chamberlain's East End meeting on the 15th.

By the will of the late Mr. G. T. B. Wigin, M.A., of Trinity College, over £9,000 is bequeathed to Cambridge University.

Finding the labour of signing motor-driving licences too much for the clerk of the London County Council, a subordinate has been authorised to sign "pp."

CHINESE YAMS ON SALE.

The Chinese yam, which was introduced to this country from China half a century ago, and has attained here a fair measure of popularity as a winter vegetable, is to be seen on sale.

This variety of yam possesses the advantage of being very speedily cooked. By many it is preferred to the potato.

DOG THIEF'S DILEMMA.

Stockport magistrates have adopted an unusual and ingenious course in dealing with a Manchester dog-thief, suspected of having stolen or received a valuable Yorkshire terrier.

He has been remanded for a week with the friendly intimation that if the dog turns up in the meanwhile its appearance will considerably shorten his prospective sentence.

IN THE ENEMY'S COUNTRY.

Next week, for the first time in the history of the automobile industry, an all British car will be on exhibition in Paris.

It has been sent to the Exposition Internationale de l'Automobile, which is to take place in the Grand Palais, Paris, by Messrs. C. S. Rolls and Co., and has been manufactured by Messrs. Royce, Limited, of Manchester.

"PEACEFUL PICKETING."

Mr. Richard Tilling, the omnibus proprietor, in giving evidence before the Royal Commission on Trades Disputes at Westminster, expresses a fixed scepticism in peaceful picketing.

This euphonious phrase is, he has learnt from experience, only another term for intimidation. If this is made lawful the action of strikers would at once develop into lawlessness.

LADY "PLOUGHMAN" AT DINNER.

Miss Emma Crofts, who successfully competed in a ploughing match in Derbyshire open to all England, and won the first prize, has been entertained to dinner by the Troway executive, and a firm of ploughmakers has presented to Miss Crofts a new and up-to-date plough.

This incident is unique even for the present century. The recipient is about forty years of age.

"NO PLACE LIKE CANADA."

The Whitechapel Guardians are warm adherents to the idea of emigrating pauper children to Canada.

In a letter one boy states:—

"I have been in Canada nearly seven months, and I know how to do all the farm work. I can harness the horses and milk the cows, and feed pigs and horses. I have been as happy as a king since I have been here. There is no place like Canada."

BEAUTIFYING A BIRTHPLACE.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie is now actively engaged in acting as the fairy godmother to his native town of Dunfermline.

He has engaged Professor Geddes, of Dundee, on the work of beautifying and regilding, and from the somewhat sordid streets of the old Fish-shire town are now to be seen enchanting vistas of a magnificent public park.

The scheme of improvements includes an opera house and concert-room.

HEALING FAMILY FEUDS.

Extraordinary Effect of Welsh Revival at Bethesda.

PUBLICANS WITHOUT TRADE.

One of the most remarkable of the practical effects of the Welsh revival has been seen at Bethesda, far away from any district visited by the leader of the revivalists.

One terrible effect of the prolonged Penrhyn strike was the bitter family feuds it caused. Men who held out would hold no converse with those who gave way. The quarrel divided families—father was against son, brother against brother, and it was frequently the cause of open quarrels which brought the parties into the police courts.

So bitter was the feeling engendered that men would not worship in the same churches and chapels together, and scenes sometimes occurred on the most solemn occasions.

Bitter Enemies Reconciled.

Now a week's revival meetings have healed many of these breaches. Relatives and friends who, for two years past, have been deadly enemies, have become reconciled. Members of the same families who have not been on speaking terms are now meeting in each other's houses as of old.

Five hundred women now meet every afternoon for public prayer. The quarrels between the women were particularly bitter, but this has led to all of them being reconciled.

At Treorkey, where Mr. Evan Roberts is now addressing meetings, the revival has had a firm grip of the people for weeks past.

Consequently he has only added to the fervour at the meetings. He has more than once been hours late in arriving through fatigue, but this did not detract from the enthusiasm of the waiting congregations, who spent the time singing and praying and publicly confessing their faith.

Offering Free Liquor.

At one of the prayer meetings in this district a man, carried away by his enthusiasm, caught hold of his wife's muff while praying and threw it into the air some twenty times with shouts of joy.

An ex-captain of a football team took a prominent part in the service at Noddia Chapel, which lasted until well into the small hours of the morning. After the meetings thousands of people parade the streets singing hymns and holding public prayer meetings.

It is said that the Glamorgan publicans have so severely felt the effect of the revival that some are offering free liquor as a counter attraction.

As a contrast to the good effects of the revival must be mentioned its baleful effect upon many people with ill-balanced minds.

An instance was seen in one of the chapels at Soar, where a woman walked into the pulpit before the service and began praying aloud. She refused to leave when the minister arrived, and had to be carried from the chapel to her home.

MISS LEITER MARRIED.

Wedding Sets the Latest Fashion in Simplicity.

American society and millionaire marriages are apparently to change their character of magnificence for one of studied simplicity.

Miss Nancy Leiter, Lady Curzon's sister, who is said to have £1,000,000 in her own right, was married to Major Colin Powys Campbell on Tuesday in Washington without any parade, and after a short engagement which was only announced a few days ago.

There was no glamour of iridescent jewels and presents worth thousands exhibited for the crowd to gaze at.

The ceremony was conducted quietly at the Episcopal Church, and the arrangements were carried out with wonderful speed and secrecy. The license was only obtained on Monday, the day before the wedding. The Earl of Suffolk was best man, and Mr. Joseph Leiter gave the bride away.

To Join Lady Curzon.

After spending a few days in Washington the bride and bridegroom will sail for England to join Lady Curzon, whom they hope later to accompany to India.

Mrs. Campbell, it will be remembered, in 1898 "christened" the United States battleship Illinois. She fell in love with her husband at the Delhi Durbar last year.

Major Campbell has a fine record of service in the Indian Army.

Since 1880, when he joined the Indian Staff Corps at the age of twenty-one, after he had already been under fire with the Bikanir Field Force, he has been in every big Indian campaign.

He was made major and given a medal for distinguished conduct in the Chitauri in 1898, and is a popular officer, a fine soldier, and a good sportsman.

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THE THINGS THAT MATTER.

The Liberal Party claim to be the worker's friends. What have they done for him during the last ten years? What are they willing to do for him now, or when they get into office?

THAT is a sentence from a little book called "Britain and the British," which was published a year or two ago by Mr. Robert Blatchford, from whose pen we publish a very striking letter this morning on "The Problem of the Poor." Read that sentence, and read Mr. Blatchford's letter, in conjunction with the reply which Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman made yesterday to a deputation of Manchester's Unemployed. The leader of the Liberal Party has told the workers what he is willing to do for them. He is willing to do—Nothing!

This is not a Party question, and the *Daily Mirror* is not a Party newspaper. No one need be afraid, therefore, that we are crying down "C. B." in order to cry up his opponents. Still, it is only fair to remember that Mr. Walter Long, a Conservative Minister, has been the first even to attempt to take this terribly urgent and distressing matter resolutely in hand. He ought to have taken it in hand long ago. Many people think he has not gone nearly far enough. Still, there is the fact—that he has done something, while other Ministers, Conservative and Liberal, have done nothing—but talk.

The key to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's attitude is to be found in a little sentence at the end of our report of his interview with the Labour men.

At an informal reception subsequently held at the Reform Club the right hon. gentleman spoke sympathetically and hopefully of the prospects of the local Liberal candidates.

That is what he, and what all Party politicians on both sides, really care about—"the prospects of the local candidates." Men may break their hearts and waste their lives for lack of work. Women may grow sadder and thinner every desperate day. Children—yes, little children, to thy eternal shame, Mother England—may cry in vain for food and warmth and dwindle away into their unhappy little graves. The Party politician "much regrets the prevalent distress." To the starving who ask for bread he offers a stone—the bitter cry of the poor he answers with a carefully-considered phrase.

Party politics will never lift our country out of this pitiful slough. Unless honest, earnest men and women realise that, and act upon it, there is no hope. What are "the prospects of the local candidates" compared with men's lives and women's happiness and children's hunger? These are the things that matter to us to-day.

MRS. GRUNDY ROUTED.

Now that a beginning has been made we hope the opening of public baths for mixed swimming will soon become general all over the country. If South London can do the thing decently and in order, there is no reason why the enterprise should not succeed equally well elsewhere.

Swimming is a fine exercise. Many experts hold it to be the finest, for it exercises every part of the body at once. Why should we not practise and enjoy it all the year round with the same freedom from Mrs. Grundy's nasty-minded restrictions as prevails at sensible seaside places?

Local authorities provide baths for the benefit of the ratepayers—and at the ratepayers' expense. Let all ratepayers who favour the idea call upon their town and borough councils to follow the example of Newington, and allow mixed bathing under proper regulations at least for one or two evenings a week.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Never lose your temper.—*Motto*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE King has chosen a youthful representative to attend the christening celebrations of the King of Italy's son and heir, Prince Arthur of Connaught is only twenty-one. But he is remarkably tall and handsome, and a great favourite in his regiment. Prince Arthur's ambitions are almost entirely military. He was educated as a soldier, and has always been content to lead a soldier's life. At least, not always. Once he is said to have had a desire to become a clock-maker, but this ambition he renounced as a boy.

When the Duke of Connaught, his father, heard of his clockmaking propensities, he introduced him to a man who used to wind up clocks in the Duke's house. "Will you take my son as an apprentice?" he asked him. The man was horrified, but he said he would be delighted, and for some days the little boy followed the astonished clock expert over the house, and learnt—how to wind up clocks.

Mme. Calvé has once or twice before in her triumphant career as a singer been interrupted by illness. Now the illness, never altogether explained by the doctors, has declared itself as appendicitis, the fashionable complaint. Everybody will be sorry for the incomparable Carmen. But Mme. Calvé is, after all, a lucky woman. She has made, like most great singers, quite a fortune for herself, and in the intervals of making it she rests in her beautiful old castle in the heart of the Cevennes.

The castle is really an old one. It has turrets and moat, and stands on a high, black rock. Mme. Calvé's favourite occupation there is the care of poultry and animals. When she is not an opera-singer she likes to imagine herself a milkmaid, a woman-farmer. Visitors at the castle are invited to live the same picturesque country life as their hostess. Mme. Calvé, like the great Patti, under-

stands that an open-air simplicity of life is by far the best régime for the singer.

Mr. Herbert Vivian and Mr. Winston Churchill working together—that ought to prove an amusing passage in political life. Mr. Vivian has just been admonished by Mr. Churchill in a letter not to let literature, that sort of idle men, interfere with "serious political utterances." Mr. Vivian, who is standing for Deptford, certainly takes politics seriously. He even takes the Legitimist Club, with its cult of the "Martyr King," Charles I., seriously, and he used to assist to deposit wreaths on that monarch's statue, accompanied by a faithful few.

Mr. Vivian has, however, been weak enough to go in for "frivolous" literature. He wrote an amusing book to record his experiences in Abyssinia. He met every sort of singular types out there, including Menelik II., who wagged his head at him and impressed him as being very "easy-going." He also noticed that many of the Somalis had a white coating on their faces. "Do they wear powder?" asked Mr. Vivian of his interpreter. "No, sahib, fat," said the man laconically. Nothing impressed the traveller more than this odd head and face plaster.

Mrs. Choate, the wife of the American Ambassador, has made her name famous in London as a friend and helper of poor Americans over here. But she does not neglect British charities, and yesterday she was at Streatham, opening a bazaar at the Home for Incurables there. Mrs. Choate gives much of her spare time to reading, and her house in Carlton House-terrace is full of books. When she first came over she was afraid the Embassy would never look "homey," but now she has made her own rooms as friendly-looking and pleasant as the heart of an American could wish.

It really is wonderful how Mrs. Kendal keeps her youth. To think that after celebrating a stage jubilee she should look so charming as she did at Birmingham in her new play, "The Housekeeper," makes one speculate upon the mysteries of perpetual youth. But she does not like to be reminded of that jubilee, so one need say no more about it. She began her acting very early, for she was only five when she played her first part at the old Marylebone Theatre. The first thing she did on getting on the stage was to recognise her nurse in front, and call out, "Nurse, look at my new shoes."

Her first real part was when she was fifteen, and very proud indeed she was when people told her that she looked twenty-five. It was under her care that the first hansom appeared on the stage. It was in "Dreams" at the Old Drury. One night as she was driving the horse got restive and backed the cab into the Baroness Burdett-Coutts's stage-box, but luckily everyone got clear in time.

Everybody is congratulating Mr. Thomas Gibson Bowles, M.P., on becoming the grandfather of two grandchildren, both born on the same day. "Tommy" Bowles, as his friends call him, is very popular both in the House and out, and he thrives on the atmosphere of Parliament as no other member does. He never looks jaded or bored. Perhaps that is because he never goes without his exercise, always gets up at six, eats little, and drinks scarcely at all. His only weakness, in fact, is the smoking of innumerable cigarettes.

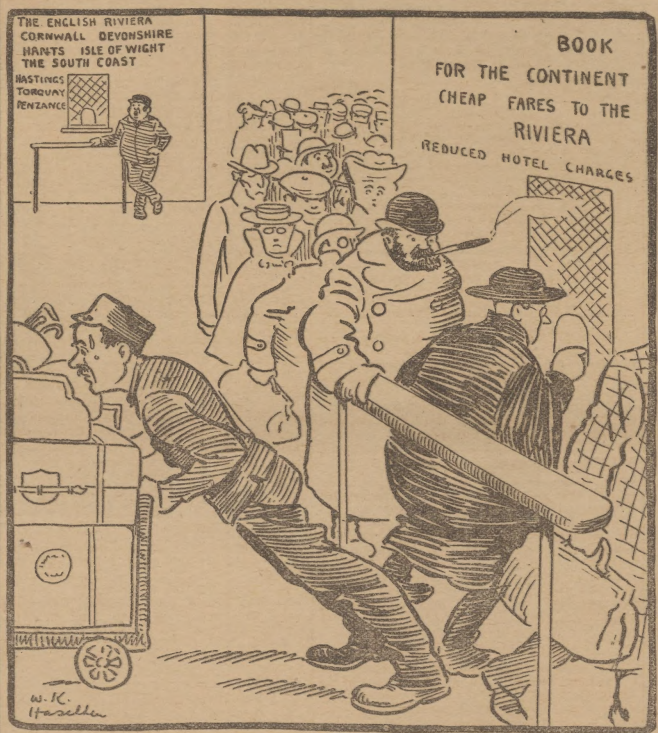
In spite of the fact that Mr. Bowles reads all the blue-books here he is never broken by these weary or dull. He is the most amusing critic the House possesses. Let any member start a point in connection with matters naval, and there is Mr. Bowles, a marine expert, to make him look foolish. "Suppose," he once called across to Mr. Mundella, "the right honourable gentleman were at sea in heavy weather, close hauled!" Then followed a complicated problem of naval tactics. What Mr. Mundella would have done under the novel circumstances remained a mystery. What he did under Mr. Bowles's fire of question was to sit silent and look gloomy.

Mark Twain, who yesterday completed his seventieth year, has lived all these years without persuading anyone to take him seriously—except as a humorist. If he had his own way he would far prefer to be known by his serious works, for he does not think very much of his humorous work. He says himself that if only he could cure himself of reading so many newspapers he would probably turn into a writer with a highly polished style. His taste for newspapers is as much a byword among his friends as his liking for bad cigars.

IN MY GARDEN THIS MORNING.

DECEMBER 1.—December has come. The gardener knows that the quick and dearest month of the year is here. If he is of a pessimistic disposition he will be quickly plunged in the depths of despair. Each frost will seem to be struggling in death-grips with his most treasured plants. The flowerless appearance of the garden, combined with the knowledge that as yet spring is far away, will tend to increase his depression. The pessimistic gardener always an amateur. A keener and more practised eye will discern the snowdrops peeping from the brown soil, the new green of the primrose rising from the dead leaves, E. F. T.

WHY NOT GIVE ENGLISH WINTER PLACES A CHANCE?



The rush to the Riviera is just about setting in. No one recollects that we have an English Riviera. Who will set the fashion of patronising home industries?

THE WOMAN OF THE HOUR.

Her Majesty The Queen.

IT is nearly forty years ago since the "Sea-King's Daughter" was welcomed in England from her Danish home as the bride of our future King, and those years she has spent in winning the heart of England. As Princess of Wales, as Queen, and as an Englishwoman and mother she has earned the sincerest love of her subjects, and to-day as she celebrates her birthday their hearts are with her.

No labour has been too great for her, no work too hard, if she has been able to lighten the sad lot of the afflicted or suffering. Never has she spared herself in her efforts to do good.

With heart and soul she has thrown herself into the fight against disease, and many are the sufferers in our hospitals who have cause to bless her name.

The deadly ravages of lupus have been greatly checked by her gift of Finlen lamps—the discovery of her countryman so lately dead—and the quest of a cure for consumption has been materially aided by her purse and patronage.

As a mother she has endeared herself to the mothers of the land, both by the way she has brought up her own children and by goodness to those of her subjects. Only the other day a little South African girl wrote to her Majesty to say how anxious she was to see her, and received in reply a special telegram telling her at what time and where the Queen would be driving out. Then when the royal carriage passed the appointed spot her Majesty was carefully watching for the little girl, and gave her a special smile and bow.

By such kindly acts she has won and holds the hearts of her people.

DECEMBER'S HERE!

Whence Does This Month Get Its Name?

It is named after the Latin *decem*, meaning ten. In the Roman calendar there were only ten months, so the last was called *December*, or tenth.

Lucky colour for the month: Black.
Lucky jewel: The Turquoise.

And last December, his ungente face
Shrouded in murky clouds and icy tears,
Lags slowly on, with melancholy pace,
Chanting wild dirges o'er the rolling years.
And now the ground-rose, last of Flora's race,
Her pallid brow midst desolation rears,
And Autumn dies in Winter's cold embrace,
And darkness reigns that briefest daylight cheers.

Yet blest the time! As round the blazing hearth,
With holly decked by mother, sister, wife,
Long-severed kindred greet in gentle mirth;
And friends estranged forget their bygone strife,
To welcome Him Who brings, midst Winter's death,
Flowers, fruits of love, from off the Tree of Life.

—HORATIA SOPHIA ELDER.

We must once more call attention to the gross carelessness of a contemporary. We hear that the following head-lines have caused considerable irritation in the Force:—

ANOTHER POLICE BLUNDER.

INNOCENT MEN RELEASED.

—Punch.



A DAY'S HAPPENINGS.



SUBMARINE MINING IN PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR.



Perilous work, which resulted in the blowing up of a picket-boat from the Vernon and the loss of two lives.—(Cribb.)

MME. JANAUSCHEK DEAD.



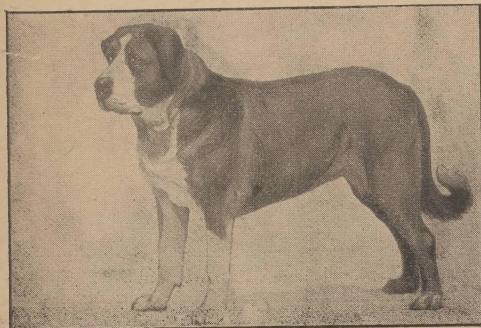
She was famous as a tragic actress. Her last years were passed in the United States.

A NEW VIOLINIST.



Miss Esther Zichlin, a gifted young musician, who has just given her first recital at Bechstein Hall.

BIRMINGHAM PRIZE DOGS.



Duchess of Blackrock, the winner of the 100-guinea challenge cup for St. Bernards.



Doncaster Comet, winner of the prize cup for toy spaniels.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALEXANDRA

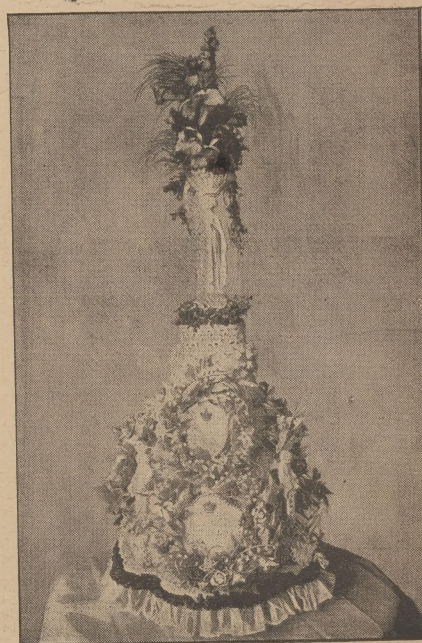


Her Majesty the Queen, with her three daughters, the Duchess of Fife (Princess Louise), Princess Charles of Denmark (Princess Maud), and Princess Victoria.—(W. and D. Downey.)



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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CAKE.



The Queen's birthday cake, which was specially designed and made by the chef at Sandringham. (Ralph, Dersingham.)



A group from Denmark.



CAMERA TELLS TO-DAY'S STORY.

'S SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY TO-DAY.



shed at Sand-
purite dogs.—



A charming portrait of her Majesty the Queen of Eng-
land. The whole British Empire is wishing her many
happy returns of the day.—(Russell.)

ROYAL GROUP AT SANDRINGHAM.



Family, showing the King and Queen, with Prince and Princess Charles of
Austria, the Prince and Princess of Wales and their four children.—(Photograph,
Wilkinson. Published by Stereoscopic Co.)

GEN. NOGI, WHO HAS SWORN TO TAKE PORT ARTHUR.

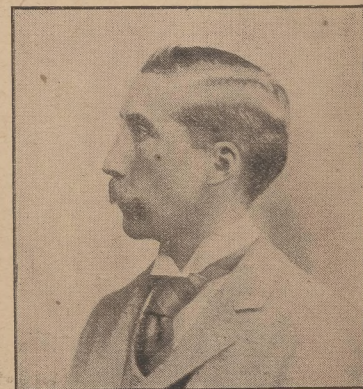


The Japanese soldier whose genius has conducted the assault on the Russian stronghold, has
courage of the bulldog order. He has expressed a wish that all three of his sons may die in
battle, heroically fighting against the Russians.—(Copyright: "Illustrated London News.")

TO-DAY'S BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM.



Miss Freda Johnstone, granddaughter of
Lord Derwent, is to be married to-day—
(Photograph by H. Walter Barnett.)



—to Viscount Ennismore, only son of the Earl
of Listowel, at St. Peter's, Eaton-square.—
(Ellis and Walery.)

THE JUDGES' SECRET.

By Andrew Loring, "Mr. Smith of England."

PERSONS OF THE STORY.

Sir ALANSON GASCOYNE, Judge of the High Court.

LADY GASCOYNE (Rosamond), his Wife.

RICHARD DEVERILL, in love with Lady Gascoyne. She has compromised herself by visiting his chambers, but of this her husband is quite ignorant.

Mrs. LA GRANGE, Lady Gascoyne's friend, a social butterfly, heavily in debt.

HAROLD SOMERTON, Mrs. La Grange's brother, a blackguard, who has been in prison, but has since made money. Knowing of the intrigue between Deverill and Lady Gascoyne, he blackmails Deverill into helping him to regain his position in society.

Through Deverill he offers his sister, who for a long time has been "cut" him, £2,000 to invite him to dinner.

GERTRUDE GASCOYNE, the Judge's sister, whom Somerton has set his heart on marrying.

Mr. BRASSER, a millionaire, in love with Gertrude. He left London on an exploring expedition, and later his death was announced. His will included a legacy to Deverill.

Miss ELTON, daughter of an Armenian money-lender. On the death of her father she carries on the business, and secretly divides the profits to relieve her distressed countrymen.

SKERRETT, secretary to the late Mr. Brasser, now his executor.

JANE BROWN, in Mr. Brasser's early days, as a poor country boy, he was her lover, but left her to come to London, where he made his immense fortune.

HUGH MORDAUNT, a client in Miss Elton's toils.

Both Miss Elton and Gertrude Gascoyne are in love with him.

CHAPTER XXX.

Rivals.

Miss Elton's spirits bounded to the skies. Her remarkable training had made her mistress of figures, had given her some knowledge of law, had taught her much about the peculiarities and eccentricities of debtors; but it had not told her anything of the mysteries of an English girl's heart. Though she knew that Gertrude Gascoyne was as far from her in temperament and in disposition as are the two poles, nevertheless she was convinced that that quiet, self-contained manner, that amiably-pleased expression, were a true index to inward feelings. She leaped instantly to the conclusion that she had correctly solved the problem which had been troubling her for weeks. She did not know that she herself was in love with Hugh Mordaunt, but she knew that she was repeating over and over again to herself the welcome news that Gertrude Gascoyne looked on him only as a life-long friend. Under this conviction she spoke freely. She enlarged on what she had done, on what she intended to do, and in her words there was no hint of boast, no suggestion of patronage. It was all said as though it were he who was doing the favour. She loved to talk about him, and she did not lose this opportunity.

"I am so glad," she cried, "that you spoke to me about him, Miss Gascoyne. It gave me so much pleasure to try and do some little thing for somebody that she is so earnest. Do you know, though, I felt quite annoyed with Mr. Mordaunt when I first saw him?"

"He does not usually annoy people," answered Gertrude, in that even voice, and with that fixed, indifferent smile, which imposed so completely on Miss Elton.

"He did me," was the half-laughing response; "he was quite contemptuous at first. He seemed to think that I was not to be taken seriously."

A quick retort sprang to Gertrude's lips, but she suppressed it. A creditor, she was tempted to say, has always the means of convincing a debtor that she is in earnest. Instead, she answered noncommittally that she hoped he had corrected his first impression.

"Oh, yes," cried Miss Elton, "but I resented it all the same. He came in to this room simply—well, looming is the word; he's so tall, you know—and you would have thought he was the owner of half the Empire. He refused absolutely at first to refer to—to business. I could feel that he was saying to himself all the time: 'I wish you would go away, little girl, and not bother me with your childish stories.'"

Miriam Elton laughed at the recollection. Quite unconsciously to herself, there was a soft stress on her words now, a dreamy significance in her manner.

Trembling lest her secret should be exposed, Gertrude kept the tightest of reins upon her feelings. In the most natural way in the world she expressed the hope that no hint whatever had been given to Mr. Mordaunt of her intervention on his behalf.

"Oh, no, indeed," was the laughing answer. "I was very clever about that. Oh, I assure you that I have deceived him completely. Everything is on what he is pleased to call a solid business basis. It makes me smile when I think of it."

"Doesn't it—but I was so angry," she thought, "don't you know, Miss Gascoyne, that I had steeled my heart against the kind of feeling that I knew people would have towards a money-lender. I believed that I simply wouldn't mind it in the least. I didn't in your house that day when you were so very sweet to me."

and animated that Gertrude felt she almost hated her; "yet you have come to see me. You—"

"In the cause of charity," interrupted Gertrude, and her manner implied that in that cause one went anywhere.

"Never mind the cause—you have done me the honour to come. I can't help but think, you know, that Mr. Mordaunt will make a very fine barrister. He advises me, oh, quite unofficially, you know, so cleverly. He is so very proud that I have to be very careful not to offend him, and not to break any of those absurd regulations of the Bar which he is always throwing in my face. I should not have known what to do in one or two cases if he had not shown me the way."

"But, surely," said Gertrude, who was astonished at this picture of Hugh Mordaunt as the guide and counsellor of a young woman money-lender, "you have your own legal advisers?"

"Oh, that's quite different. These were cases that taxed the opinion of a gentleman, of a man of the world, of one who could judge whether people were telling me the truth."

Miss Elton would have been very much astonished if she had heard Hugh Mordaunt's account of their casual association. Three times she had summoned him to her side with a pleading little note, three times he had pulled himself together for the moment and gone unwillingly to her call. On each of these occasions he had been able to convince her that her interest lay in extending consideration to debtors who had put before her a pitiful plea. It did not occur to Miss Elton that this man, who came so promptly to her summons, must dance to her tune, whether he wished to or not. He, too, owed her money; and while he was going to pay it by the sale of his property, nevertheless the whole thing would be closed more quietly, and more to his advantage, if she were friendly, and not antagonistic.

On the last occasion on which he had come to her she had told him something, however, which had put so new and uplifting a face upon his remarkable career, which she had adopted that he suddenly began to take some interest in the girl herself. What she had told him in this moment of expansion she now on impulse equally sudden confessed to Miss Gascoyne. Decidedly Miss Elton was becoming a young lady of moods.

"You know," she said, "I couldn't bear that kind of laughing sneering look I sometimes saw on Mr. Mordaunt's face. You, too, Miss Gascoyne, think badly of me, I'm afraid. I can't endure the thought of that. I told him what I am going to tell you, and I know you'll understand. I can't bear the thought that you should go on believing that I am greedy for money, trying to make a fortune out of the desperate needs of men."

Then she told her surprised listener that she was carrying on the work which her father had begun—that she was acting as the secret Providence of the people of Armenia. Her ardent enthusiasm expressed itself in burning words, and when she had finished the long account Miss Gascoyne found herself an unwilling captive to the magnetism of the girl.

"You told him all this?" was all she said, however. She was thinking only, it will be seen, of the effect of Miss Elton's remarkable policy upon Hugh Mordaunt. The fortunate Armenians in whose behalf it was carried out were not considered. "You will know you will keep my secret, Miss Gascoyne," cried the girl. "You see why now. These very people whom you have come here today to see me about were no doubt sent to the United States with my father's money. They have an inkling of it over there already, it seems. If it should turn out that they know all about it, I shall be prevented in the future from doing my people any great good. They have already a colony there. They gain what they have not in their own home—a chance, a great chance. Some of them have already become very successful."

"Have you the right," asked Gertrude, "to continue such a work? You have spoken already of contempt, so I may perhaps refer to it. Is it fair yourself to put yourself in a position in which everybody looks askance at you, in order that you may help a people to whom you belong only half in blood, and not half by language or custom?"

"It is hard, Miss Gascoyne, oh, much harder than I had thought, to accept disdain and contempt. You people here in England have always been promising to help your fellow-Christians in that far-off land, and you have never got beyond the stage of promise. My father never thought of you, he did not care what you said of him. He had the soul of the true martyr; but I—yes, I find it hard. I do not understand. I have never had a doubt until the last few weeks."

Gertrude's intuition, quickened by her jealousy, understood the meaning of all this. She knew it was not fear of the obloquy of the English people that was troubling this girl. It was fear of what one man thought.

"But you do admit," continued Miss Elton eagerly, "that there is some excuse for all this?"

"Yes," answered Gertrude slowly, "I understand now; I couldn't before. I liked you, yes; I did really—but I own, it was against my will."

"You think better of me now?" cried Miss Elton in a pleading voice.

Gertrude reluctantly owned that she did.

"Give me heart, give me courage," impudently

troubled all the time. I have doubts, fears. I think of the letters I have had during the day; some of them are very sad. My father used to laugh at them—and I, I laughed too. Alas, I can no longer hear his voice. He cannot sustain me. Tell me I am doing right. I almost think that if you said I ought to give it up, I should give it up."

"No, you mustn't say that. You cannot put such a responsibility on me."

Gertrude spoke with more feeling than as yet she had allowed herself to display. She feared that she should yield to a temptation that suddenly confronted her. She had no doubt in her own mind that this girl's fantastic course was quite wrong. She had always held firmly to the opinion that nobody should do wrong things for good ends. A good suffering Armenian would not, in Gertrude's eyes, justify anybody in being a money-lender. Yet, if this naive and ingenious girl were to give up this disagreeable, more than doubtful occupation, what bar would then rest between her and Hugh Mordaunt? She was beautiful, interesting, original, rich. If she cut away the past she had almost anything before her. She would no longer need to keep her secrets. Once public, once known that the girl had had an unselfish motive, mistaken though it might have been, she would be forgiven by everybody—and Hugh Mordaunt might learn to love her.

"He never will," thought the agitated Gertrude. "If she continues in this sordid business—and she asks me to advise her as to whether she shall give it up."

"You must go on with it, Miss Elton," she cried suddenly, with flushing cheek; "your motive excuses—"

She stopped short and stared for an instant at Miriam, who was hanging on her every word.

"No," she said in a stifled voice, thrusting the temptation from her. "I do not mean—it is not what I really believe. I—I wanted to say, perhaps, what I thought you would like, Miss Elton, I cannot do it. I don't think that you have any right to go on. Money made in this way cannot bring a blessing to those who receive it."

"Oh, if I thought that," murmured the eager listener.

It is true—it is tainted money. It is usury, made by extortion from people in desperate straits. You will become hard, miserly, Miss Elton, if you keep on; and you will be lonely and wretched. The hand of all the world will be against you. It is a kind of martyrdom that one has no right in justice to one's own best life to bear. Give it up, Miss Elton. Now—I must go."

Miss Elton stood motionless in the middle of the room, with hands clasped in front of her, looking down at the floor, a pathetic and graceful statue of despair. This decisive judgment, coming on top of her own doubt, tore away illusions with a rude hand. The sustaining ardour of a profound conviction was gone, gone for ever. She was desperate, overwhelmed. The mute unconscious appeal in her attitude aroused generous response in Gertrude's heart. Warm with the consciousness of temptation resisted, Gertrude walked over and put an almost affectionate hand on the shoulder of the forlorn girl.

"Do not let us forget," she said softly, "that they are waiting a message from me in the East End. What shall we say to them?"

Miriam flung her head back as one coming out of a dream.

"Yes, yes," she exclaimed, "I will go down now, I will see them myself."

"Come with me. My brougham must be waiting. I told them to come here in half an hour."

"Yes, let us go."

With feverish activity, Miss Elton gave directions that all appointments for that morning must be cancelled, slipped on her hat, and within ten minutes they were driving rapidly along towards the East End.

At the corner of Park-lane and Piccadilly there was the usual block. The carriage, close to the pavement, was arrested in its progress. Gertrude, glancing out, saw a bundle slip over her eyesight on the tall figure of Hugh Mordaunt. Her brows contracted as she saw that his face was white as death, that he walked with a kind of vague uncertainty. As she looked, a little boy, running along, cannoned against him, and he fell headlong to the ground.

Gertrude flung open the door, and was about to get out when she felt a hand on her arm.

"No, no," whispered Miss Elton, "the scandal—the disgrace."

Gertrude flung her an almost contemptuous look and stepped from the brougham, her companion following with hesitation. A crowd had gathered, a policeman was bending over the fallen man.

Gertrude pushed her way through the people. "I know this gentleman, constable," she said with all the dignity of a lady accustomed to command. "He is subject to attacks of vertigo."

Someone in the crowd laughed. The policeman looked at her doubtfully.

"I think I'd better send for the ambulance, miss," he said in a low voice.

"No," was her imperious answer, "my carriage is here."

The policeman and another helped the unconscious man to the brougham, and Gertrude with perfect calmness took her place by his side.

"Where shall I tell him to go, miss?" asked the constable, as he touched his helmet and pocketed half a sovereign.

"Tell him to drive on," she answered.

It was not until the brougham was two hundred yards away that she remembered that Miss Elton had been with her. It was almost with a thrill of triumph that she cried to her own heart, "She is willing to be a money-lender, but she would not

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You ask for a man. England is rich in men; was always rich in men. But also there are fools—and others.

SIR THOMAS MORE'S "UTOPIA."

A man to show us the way out—in God's name! There was such a man in the days of Bluff King Hal. He wrote a book, a wise and a noble book, to show the England of his day the way out. And the title of his book has remained for nearly five centuries a synonym for wild and impractical ideals. In that book this unpractical man says that if one man takes the earnings of many, and piles them on to his own heap, the many must go bare. It was a true saying in the time of Bluff King Hal, and it remains as true to-day.

A man to show the way out!
There were William Morris and John Ruskin. They told England why her men were poor and miserable, and how they might be prosperous and happy. But England was too busy earning dividends and backing horses, and the two men died unheeded.

And to-day! There are amongst us not one or two men but hundreds of men teaching the reason why England starves her babies to death, and how they might be taught, and fed, and—which is even more urgently needed—loved.

Do you find these men honoured and rewarded? Do our Press and our Parliament and our Church delight to encourage and assist these men? I see some motley crews figuring in the "Honours Lists," but I have never found there the man you ask for.

A MAN TO MAKE ENGLAND LISTEN.

Will no leader of men come forward as champion of the poor? I do not know about "leaders of men," it is a piece of verbal upholstery that likes me not; but I know of men, who not only will come forward; but have come forward. I will name for you some: They are George Bernard Shaw and H. M. Hyndman, and J. Keir Hardie and John Burns. All these are champions of the poor. All these know why babies starve and plutocrats rot, and what is the remedy.

I will even offer a few hints myself if the world do not do so. But I am rude and unpopular. As thus: "My Lords and ladies,—Is it how to help the poor you are asking? Would your lordships and your ladyships have the kindness to commence by getting off the poor man's back? And could he have a little bit of land—just the weeziest little piece of his own country? Thank you so much. And now he can eat and breathe, and see the sky, and his wife will have time to nurse the baby. But I fear your lordships will find the change expensive. You see, if Dick Turpin should hand back all his takings on the road—"

Ah, well, I am glad you love the children. How to prevent them from starving to death? Please you, it is quite easy; do not allow idle sensualities to rob the helpless darlings of their food.

But you want a man to make England listen. I do not know such a man.

All I can promise is that if any man will try to make England listen I will try to help him.

Meanwhile, what is to be done with those absurd Socialists and those pestilent agnostics?

ROBERT BLATCHFORD.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

It would not be a bad idea to start a "million halfpennies fund." One halfpenny would mean nothing to anybody, and passing people (should a box be placed outside your office) would put halfpennies in pretty often. The large sum thus collected would do an immense amount of good.

84, Herne Hill-road, S.E. S. G. B. STAINES.

SOCIALISM NO USE.

Why have the rich too much, and the poor too little? That is an insoluble problem. We cannot solve it by taking from the rich to give to the poor. To prove this, let me quote the saying of a French member of the Rothschild family.

"Socialism came to him, and said: 'You have more than enough. Give up your surplus to the

poor. Distribute your wealth according to the true principles of equality."

"How many people are there in Paris with less than enough?" asked the millionaire. The man named an enormous figure. "Very well," said M. de Rothschild, "here is your share of my wealth." And he handed him a franc.

Dulwich.

PRACTICAL.

BRANDY OR BOOTS?

You say there are many poor who have neither food nor fire. You might add—but have too much drink. Call people's attention to the awful wickedness of spending so much money in this wretched way, when the money would buy boots for your 28,000 who are now without them.

70, Fore-street, Devonport.

A FOOD-COLLECTION PLAN.

Would not the rich consent to allow a cart to call and collect all scraps of food, which could be taken to some contract place and shared amongst the hungry? There are tons of food wasted daily, and thousands starving daily. Why can't that food be gathered and brought to those who need it?

15, Cedar-road, S.W.

BIDDY KIRBY.

DO MIRACLES HAPPEN?

SON SAVED FROM DEATH BY HIS FATHER'S PRAYERS.

Preaching on the question discussed in the *Daily Mirror*—Do Miracles Happen?—the Rev. J. H. James, of Yeovil, told the following story to explain his firm belief that they do.

A man he knew had a son fighting in the Boer war. Every night he prayed for his dear lad's safety.

One night he felt as if the boy specially needed his prayers. His heart was drawn out towards him and towards the Father of Mercies. He remained on his knees, beseeching God to protect his far-off son, until morning dawned.

Some weeks afterwards he received a letter to say that his son had been very bad with enteric fever. One night he was, to all appearance, dead. A doctor examined him hastily and ordered his body to be taken to the mortuary.

After the doctor had gone to bed, however, the case of the young man kept running in his head.

CURED BY MIRTH.

Nervous Diseases Successfully Treated on a New Plan.

LAUGH AND GROW WELL.

There are thousands of people going about with miserable faces trying to find a cure for indigestion caused by derangement of the nerves.

They try all sorts of drugs. They try all sorts of diets. They cut themselves off from nearly all that makes life worth living. Yet they get no better. Anyone who can tell them of anything that will lift from their lives the awful weight of depression that dyspepsia causes will be hailed as one of mankind's greatest benefactors.

There is such a man and he will shortly be in London. He acts upon the principle that the mind is stronger than the body. No one who laughs much suffers from indigestion. Its victims are lean and long-faced, with sour smiles and leaden ex-



A FRAGMENT OF HISTORY: Arthur is delivered bound into the hands of Joseph.

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ANOTHER PRACTICAL OFFER.

I beg to offer to join my services to "G.'s" who made the practical offer in the *Daily Mirror*. My income is not a large one, but I have broad shoulders and a warm heart, and I shall be only too pleased to give their strength to ease the burden of those worse off than myself. Would "G." communicate to see if I can be of any use or not? Between us and the *Daily Mirror* much good could be done.

BALHAM.

JOHN SHEARER.

CHARITABLE LONDON.

I do not think that London can be called uncharitable. Millions are spent in charity every year here on hospitals, on homes for the poor, on relief for the poor. It must be that the distress is due to the faulty application of those millions. What becomes of them? Into whose pockets do they go, if not into those of the poor?

A CONSTANT GIVER.
Mansfield-street, Portland-place.

MATINEES FOR THE POOR.

Were a few theatres in London and the country to give charity matinees on each Saturday during the winter much practical relief could be afforded. The application of the fund could be put into the hands of Labour leaders, so long as their probity was beyond dispute. The theatre managers would not in the end suffer much loss.

"DICK WHITTINGTON" THE SECOND.
Doughty-street, W.C.

A GENEROUS REQUEST.

At last a rich woman with a charitable soul! I see that the Countess of Dudley has implored the authorities of Newry to spend the money which they intended to use in street decorations to celebrate her visit on a coal or relief fund for the poor. Let all the rich do likewise, and our conscience as a nation would be lightened of its winter burden.

Maiden Vale.

H. H. D'AVILAN.

He was possessed by a vague feeling of uneasiness. At last he got up and walked about, finding sleep impossible.

As he passed the mortuary door something impelled him to go in. He searched among the bodies for that of the enteric fever patient, and examined it very carefully. There was still signs of life!

At once he had the young man carried back to the hospital, tended him day and night, and at last brought him back to health.

The night on which this happened was the very night on which the boy's father prayed so earnestly and so long.

THE BEST OF FUN.

Life—and especially political life—would be very dull without Mr. Carruthers Gould. His cartoons are an unending joy one by one. When we get a whole book of them we can defy the deepest gloom for many an hour.

"Political Caricatures, 1904," published by Edward Arnold, is as full of real wit and ingenious fun as any of its predecessors. Mr. Gould shows no sign whatever of flagging invention or stagnating humour. He compels our laughter with as sure a touch as ever.

PRINCE ON PHILATELY.

The admirable Christmas number of the "Connoisseur" contains a unique article. It is by the Prince of Wales, and gives an account of the postal issues of the United Kingdom during the present reign.

If anyone is behind the scenes in the stamp world, certainly the Prince of Wales ought to be. He knows how the new designs and colours for the stamps were discussed, decided upon, and adopted. They were then submitted to the King, and his "written approval," says the Prince, "is now in my collection."

The Prince is an enthusiastic stamp expert, and has a collection worth thousands of pounds.

pressions. Teach a dyspeptic to laugh and his burden will disappear.

At present there is an institution for the administration of this treatment.

This is how it has been described:

The patients sit round a room and begin to smile at each other. The smile must never be allowed to fade away. On the contrary, it must be developed by will power into a grin, and the grin must become a guffaw. Then you have to go on laughing until your sides ache, by when you will already feel much better. A course of a week or two of the treatment at the rate of a couple of hours' giggling a day cures the worst cases.

Nor is dyspepsia the only ailment which can be dealt with by the laughter cure. Hysteria, nervous exhaustion, hallucinations, all diseases that have their seats in the nerve-centres, may be alleviated in this pleasant way.

When once patients have got used to laughing, they find it so pleasant that they never lose the habit. As soon as they feel an attack coming on, they begin laughing and their enemy flies as if by magic. The most obstinate cases have been cured by this simple means.

THE BECK AND TICHBORNE CASES.

May I correct a serious error which has been made in your columns as to the Tichborne case?

You say that the Dowager Lady Tichborne was the only relation of the undoubted Sir Roger, who declared that the Claimant was the genuine man.

As a matter of fact, at least twenty of his relatives swore that the Claimant was Sir Roger. Strange to say all those relatives who would benefit by the death of Sir Roger said that he was an impostor, while the disinterested ones swore he was not.

FIAT JUSTITIA.

SUNDAY ANGLING.

Is it not stupid to enforce the prohibition of Sunday fishing around London? If a man works all the week, he can only fish on Sundays.

It is a pity to fill the public-houses fuller than they are already, as well as to deprive thousands of people of their only sport.

ANGLER.

YULETIDE IN SNOPLAND

I WONDER if all the little boys and girls of England whose lives are brightened and hearts are gladdened by the beautiful displays in Toyland at Christmas know that their little brothers and sisters in other countries as well as ours have been working and planning all the past year to make these new and beautiful toys for them.

Of course, we like English toys best in England, but it does make us feel friendly and at peace with other nations to think we are all united in our efforts to make Christmas the time of happiness it should be for every little child the wide world over.

AT WHITELEY'S.

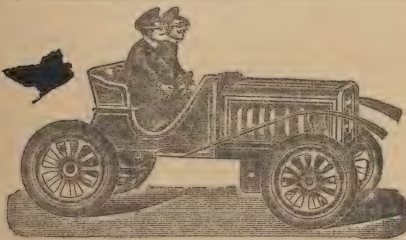
The Universal Provider does not belie his reputation this Yuletide.

His beautiful Christmas catalogue contains everything from a cheap photograph frame to an auto-



Dainty cases of blouse brooches in jewelled gold are among the many thousands of notable gifts at Harrod's Stores.

mobile. The vastness of the premises and the multitudinous attractions they contain make a whole day devoted to their inspection well spent. Girls who are given it will be delighted with the Vanity



This racing motor-car, which is fitted with extra strong clockwork, may be purchased at Whiteley's, in Westbourne-grove.

purse-case, a practical combination book to be worn on the wrist chain or attached to the belt. It contains a puff-box and pencil, a bon-bon box, and space for cards and memoranda. In plain gun-metal with four stones it costs 13s. 9d., and makes a most attractive novelty. For more expensive presents a special catalogue is issued, offering a range of good jewellery, comprising rings, watches, bracelets, table silver, and the most artistic ornaments.

Of toys there is a wonderful variety, the two most striking being a beautiful walking doll and a most ingenious submarine boat, which dives and then rises to the surface in a thoroughly realistic manner. Moreover, there is a new toy-hall, right up at the top of Whiteley's most magnificent building, but reached, of course, by a beautiful lift, where what sun there is in December can pour through the windows and make the merry scene its brightest and merriest. There is no need to fear the searching light of day here, for all the toys are good, and more than worth their price.

The Patience of the Attendants.

I always think the attendants in the great Christmas bazars must have served a long apprenticeship in patience and been chosen by their employers on account of that excellent virtue, for nothing

seems too much to do to please their little patrons. Demands for clockwork engines to be set in motion, motor-cars to be wound up, dancing dolls to be made to perform their movements, and impera-

it is usually difficult to choose a suitable present, there is a series of sporting cigar and cigarette-boxes made of nickel with cedar-wood linings and hand-painted pictures under glass on the top. Will

lovely flowers lasts for months, and is 6d. is the absurdly moderate charge made for a spray of blossoms. They make delightful table decorations at a season of the year when flowers are expensive.

AT TUDOR

BROTHERS.

Christmas novelties are the order of the day at Messrs. Tudor Brothers, of Knightsbridge, and among them a great speciality is being made of the bag shown on this page, which is composed of crushed morocco and seal leather, and completed in one corner with a keyless gun-metal watch. This handsome bag can be bought in grey, black, or tan leather, and is an exceedingly beautiful present.

AT HARROD'S STORES.

In their palatial buildings in the Brompton-road Messrs. Harrod are displaying a magnificent Christmas show, replete with all the novelties of the moment. It is a real pleasure to shop at Harrod's, for the delightful system that prevails in America of encouraging customers to roam through the vast building without importuning them to buy is pursued here. A whole day spent within the portals of this building is a day well spent. There are luncheon and tea rooms, reading and writing rooms, and every inducement to make shopping a complete pleasure.

Among the special novelties at Harrod's are the dainty lace or blouse brooches made of gold, decorated with a pearl and turquoise bow. Four of these brooches complete a set, and the sets are sold in highly-decorative little velvet and leather cases at 55s. 6d. the case. Other designs at lower prices may be secured, but, as the picture in the first column demonstrates, the pearl and turquoise



Above is illustrated a wonderful automatic gunboat. After winding up the clockwork the boat is put on the water. It will sail straight ahead for some distance, then, just as if it intended to attack an enemy, it will suddenly fire a shot, turn round, and steer back to its original starting-place.

tive orders of the kind are incessant, and most cheerfully obeyed when it is possible that they can be.

Illustrated on this page in addition to the automatic gunboat, which most decidedly is a striking novelty, at Messrs. Whiteley's, is the racing motor-car, made with extra fine finish, strong clockwork, and two figures, for the modest sum of 1s. 11d. Another very realistic toy, in which is introduced once more that favourite nursery possession, the motor-car, is called Looping the Loop. An illustration of it will be observed on this page, and it will delight the children to know that this truly marvellous toy can be bought in two sizes—one at 10d. and the other at 1s. 9d. Notice the perilous position of the car in the loops; luckily it is a well-behaved piece of mechanism, and accomplishes its journey in perfect safety.

Children whose parents wish them to be taught thrift will readily save their pennies if the clock money-box is given to them; the hands register the amount banked in the box by the thrifty little saver, who will soon learn to take care of the

it be credited that boxes so splendid as these cost only 5s. 11d. to hold 50 cigarettes, 8s. 6d. to hold 100 cigarettes, and 16s. 9d. to hold 50 cigars.

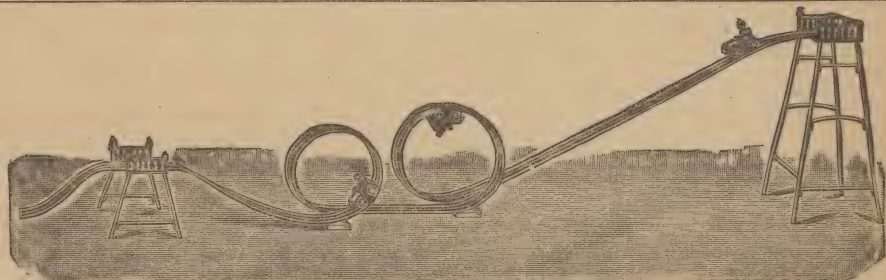
The perfume of the season will be certain to please any woman of dainty taste. It is called Sweet Pea Blossom Extract, and is exclusively distilled by the Maison Lafitte, Paris. This deli-



The beautiful morocco and seal leather bag sketched in this picture has a gun metal watch in one corner. It is one of Tudor Brothers' Christmas specialities.

cious scent in the usual 3s. 6d. bottle now costs only 2s. 10d., while the 6s. 8d. size is to be sold at the moderate price of 5s. 3d. While mentioning perfumes let the news be announced that beautiful scented carnations are one of Whiteley's specialities, in pink or dark red, and comprising sprays of three blossoms. The perfume of these

bow pattern is a completely charming one. This firm is making a feature of the new Chronos clock, which has no hands and no dial. It is quite amusing to watch the flight of time minute by minute, if indeed it be amusing to realise how fast time flies—and another advantage the Chronos (Continued on page 13.)



The name of this toy is Motoring the Loop, and the picture shows how thoroughly it deserves its title. The motor-car starts from the top, as you will see, and circles both loops, arriving at its journey's end in perfect safety. It is one of the cheapest toys of the year.

YULETIDE IN SHOPLAND.

(Continued from page 12.)

clock has is that it can be read from a considerable distance by people whose sight is not perfect. It is a clock that is a splendid timekeeper, and is wound and regulated like all other clocks, and, as it can be secured in nickel or gilt for 25s., it makes a present of a very reasonable price.

MESSRS. ALLEN AND WRIGHT.

The mention of clocks reminds me once more that men's presents are always rather difficult to choose. This is not intended as an aspersation upon men in general, but merely as a remark to usher in a special feature which will certainly appeal to most men.

I know that Messrs. Allen and Wright, the renowned tobacconists, of 217, Piccadilly, who have also branches in the City at 26, Poultry, and 31, St. Mary Axe, have a splendid collection of pipes, tobacco pouches, cigarette and cigar cases, holders, and also the cigars and cigarettes that are to go in them, and that these make safe presents for every man except the non-smoker—



Parents who wish to teach their children thrift should buy the clock money-box shown above, the price of which is under a shilling.

and that he is rather a rarity no one will deny. Of course there is one condition: they must be good, and this everything that this firm sells is.

Women who venture to buy presents of this description for their men-folk will be glad to know that only thoroughly well-seasoned wood with a good grain and perfectly free from the slightest flaw is used by this firm for their pipes, but, whereas a certain amount of risk is inseparable from briar pipes, the firm is willing to exchange a pipe that has been smoked a short time and is found to be faulty.

The Pull-out pipe and the Navy please men particularly, while with regard to pipes in cases the globe-trotter is certain to be delighted with what is known as the Double Tourist case, a compendium of useful pipes. Silver is much cheaper than it used to be, as every woman knows to her delight, and, therefore, cigar or cigarette cases in that metal, that some years ago cost a considerable sum, may now be purchased at quite a reasonable price. But if still further economy is in view, the black gun metal cigarette-cases and match-boxes, the prices of which have been reduced, should be seen and secured. A cigarette case, with a turquoise and gold catch, costs only 7s. 6d., and a match-box is priced at 3s.

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The diagram shows nine squares, with the figure 5 occupying the centre square. The puzzle is to place a different figure in each of the remaining eight squares, so that on the columns being added the result will be 15 each way. That is to say, each column will add 15 up and down, across each row, and diagonally from corner to corner. You can use the figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and can place them exactly as you choose in order to obtain this result, but the figure 5 must not be removed from the centre of the square.

At first sight you may think the puzzle is much simpler than it really is. As a matter of fact, you will find it necessary to think hard and experiment a good deal before you get it correct. But it is very interesting, and is surely well worth trying. If you succeed in getting the correct answer, send on your solution to us, enclosing at the same time Postal Order for 1s. (and penny stamp to pay the postage) for a tin of Volocel, the wonderful Hair Renewer, which has had an enormous sale during the last two or three years. Volocel has been certified by a famous Analyst and other experts as a marvellous hair-growing preparation. Keeps the scalp free from dandruff, sebum, and all irritation. Baldness prevented. Volocel is a tonic for the hair, and has had a large sale in England, the Colonies, and abroad. Send your answer at once, together with Postal Order for 1s. and one penny stamp for postage (to the Colonies 1s. extra). In writing, state whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss. Money Awards will be sent by Bank Cheque, Postal Order, or in cash in a registered envelope. All Awards will be promptly made. Send at once to THE VOLOCCEL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 15, Tullis-street, Westminster, London.

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